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In re Application of:	Mattar Neto, et al.	Examiner:	Weiss
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Sir:

On April 11, 2003, Application filed a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to accept a claim of priority delayed unintentionally. Applicant respectfully submits this Amendment in connection with that Petition in order to properly claim priority to the prior-filed applications under 35 U.S.C. § 365(c). Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Amendment, but authorizes any fees to be charged to Hughes Hubbard & Reed Deposit Account No. 08-3264.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: